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In re Application of: )  
Yukiharu Hayashi )  
Serial No. To be Assigned )  
Filing Date: Herewith )  
For Dual-Type Magnetic Detecting )  
Element in Which Free Magnetic )  
Layer and Pinned Magnetic Layer )  
Have Suitably Selected  $\beta$  Values )

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit references A1 – A3 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 6-223336 and PCT Japanese Translation Patent Publication No. 8-504303 both disclose a structure including three magnetic layers.

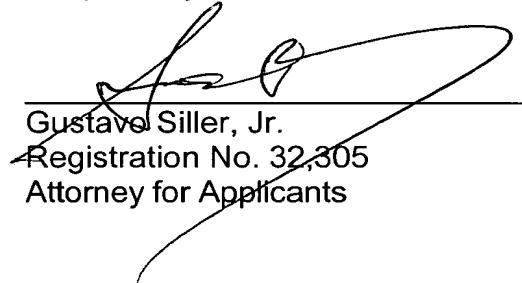
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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## **REFERENCE DESIGNATION**

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	A2	Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 6-223336	08/1994	Japan		X
	A3	PCT Japanese Translation Patent Publication No. 8-504303	05/1996	Japan		X

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